



Buffalo, Dec. 17, 1862.

My dear Sir:

I am about to make up  
and send to you, by Express, Package  
No. 2. I do hope you will have  
time soon, to look it over. I feel a-  
shamed at putting you to any trouble,  
at making any draft upon time so  
fully & eminently occupied. But, it  
is all important that we should  
have authentic labels at the start.

I flatter myself that you will  
find in the packet some few things  
that will please you. I do hope  
that you will somewhat consider  
me.

It carries me through all my

personal collections of the last season,  
except the *gummeases*, *lypermeases*,  
*gramineae*, & *Ferns*. (I make no  
account of ~~any~~ half a dozen ticks  
& mites.)

Long ago (last winter or Spring)  
I got Prof. Seewey, who has been  
very kind to us, to promise to  
examine any *Canices* I should  
collect. Prof. Chadbourne has  
requested me to send him my  
ferns for collection. ~~Some~~ <sup>Some</sup> of  
the ferns I know: and, I think  
I have picked up nearly all that  
grow in this neighborhood. Of  
the *lypermeases* I have merely  
grabbed one or two every now &  
then - also of the *grasses*. I have

no notion how many I have. There  
can't be many.

In separating & arranging the  
my plants of these orders, I shall  
put aside full sets to be sent  
to you, if you will permit.

I hope, in a short time -  
no - not till about the 1<sup>st</sup> week  
in January - to write to you  
about some other matters.

Very truly,

Your obliged friend,

G. W. Whitman.

Prof. Asa Gray.